

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1 **Claim 1 (currently amended):** An end closure assembly for a pressure
2 vessel, the end closure assembly comprising:
3 a non-metal universal head member positioned in an opening in the pressure
4 vessel, wherein the universal head member has a size complementary to the
5 opening in the pressure vessel;
6 a retainer ring member engaged with the pressure vessel for retaining the
7 universal head member in the opening in the pressure vessel; and
8 a securing plate member engaged with the retainer ring member for securing
9 the retainer ring member,
10 wherein the retainer ring member is made of at least two arced elements that
11 are movable relative to each other.

1 **Claim 2 (original):** The end closure assembly of claim 1, further comprising
2 an elliptical head member.

1 **Claim 3 (original):** The end closure assembly of claim 2, wherein the
2 elliptical head member is in contact with the universal head member.

1 **Claim 4 (original):** The end closure assembly of claim 1, wherein the
2 universal head member further comprises an integral access section.

1 **Claim 5 (original):** The end closure assembly of claim 1, wherein the
2 retainer ring member is non-metal.

1 **Claim 6 (canceled)**

1 **Claim 7 (currently amended):** The end closure assembly of [[claim 6]] claim
2 1, wherein the elements are substantially ~~identical~~ similar in shape.

1 **Claim 8 (original):** The end closure assembly of claim 7, wherein the
2 elements are identical in shape.

1 **Claim 9 (original):** The end closure assembly of claim 1, wherein the
2 universal head member is plastic.

1 **Claim 10 (original):** The end closure assembly of claim 1, wherein the
2 universal head member comprises a domed-shaped element and a tubular element.

1 **Claim 11 (original):** The end closure assembly of claim 10, wherein the
2 tubular element comprises a threaded portion.

1 **Claim 12 (new):** The end closure assembly of claim 1, wherein the elements
2 interlock and are linked.

1 **Claim 13 (new):** The end closure assembly of claim 8, wherein the elements
2 are substantially mirror image of each other.

1 **Claim 14 (new):** The end closure assembly of claim 1, wherein the elements
2 can rotate relative to each other.